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SUBJECT: CANADIAN APPROVAL BRINGS CANUS ILOC INTO FORCE

REF: COOK-MATTEI E-MAIL OF 4/24/08

1. (U) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Deputy Director for Continental Defense Relations Victor Rakmil told pol/miloff on September 12 that the Government of Canada had received approval from Parliament to bring into force the Agreement on Integrated Lines of Communication to Ensure Logistic Support for the Canadian Armed Forces and the Armed Forces of the United States, or the "ILOC." Previous U.S. approval of the ILOC meant that it had come into force when the Embassy received DFAIT's dipnote response (in para 2 below) on September 5, Rakmil said. Embassy Ottawa will send a certified copy of its April 24, 2008 dipnote and the original version of the Canadian dipnote response to State L/T on September 15.

2. (U) Text of Canadian Dipnote:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the letter dated April 24, 2008 relating to the completion of the internal procedures for the entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America relating to the Establishment of Integrated Lines of Communications to Ensure Logistic Support for the Canadian Armed Forces and the Armed forces of the United States of America, done at Washington on 23 April 2008.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade is pleased to welcome the confirmation that the Government of the United States of America has completed the internal procedures required to bring the Agreement into force.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade wishes to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the Government of Canada, in accordance with Article XI of the Agreement, has completed all of the internal procedures necessary towards the entry into force. Therefore, pursuant to Article XI of the Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration. End dipnote.

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